

In spite of British rule, India is still virtually a soapless country. Throughout the village of Hindustan soap is indeed regarded as a natural curiosity, and it is rarely, if ever, kept in stock by the native storekeeper. In the towns it is how sold to a certain extent, but how small this is may be gathered from the fact that the total yearly consumption of soap in India is about 100,000 hundredweight—that is to say, every 2,500 persons use an average only of 112 pounds of soap between them, or in other words, considerably less than an ounce is the average consumption a person.

New Inventions.

Of the inventors who obtained patents the past week 32 per cent were able to sell the entire or part of their inventions. Amongst the prominent concerns buying these patents were the following:

United States Manufacturing Co., Fond du Lac, Wis.
 Duplex Printing Press Co., Battle Creek, Mich.
 National Ticket Case Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Eagle Pencil Co., of New York.
 Jefferson Brass Works, Watertown, N. Y.
 Bankers' Electric Protective Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Dukes & Co., Quilman, Ga.
 Fisher Typewriter Co., of Tennessee.
 Vulcan Iron Works, San Francisco, Cal.
 Lamb Manufacturing Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass.
 Singer Manufacturing Co., of New Jersey.
 Williams Electric Co., Cleveland, O.
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JOHN C. HUBINGER. Remarkable Career of a Well-Known Western Capitalist, Manufacturer and Philanthropist.

Among the leaders of the progressive element for which the middle west is famous, Mr. John C. Hubinger, of Keokuk, Ia., reigns without a peer. As a manufacturer, as an enterprising capitalist and as a philanthropist his fame has spread over many states, and his financial enterprises have developed many obscure towns into progressive, thrifty and wide-awake cities. Mr. Hubinger, although but 47 years of age, can look back upon scores of commercial victories, each one of which has benefited mankind, for his liberality is as bountiful as his business sagacity is marvelous. He was born in New Orleans, La., his parents being of French and German origin. When he was four years old, his family removed to Kentucky, in which state young Hubinger received a public school education. Almost before reaching man's estate he secured patents on a number of valuable mechanical inventions, thereby laying the foundation of his present fortune.

By inclination and force of circumstances his attention was early directed to the manufacture of starch by improved processes, and in the course of time he became the head of a concern having an annual business of millions of dollars. But genuine ambition never quite satisfied with existing conditions, works ever toward perfection, and after years of painstaking study and research Mr. Hubinger has made a



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discovery, which he considers the crowning event of his wonderful career, and which is embodied in a new article of commerce, known as Red Cross Starch (Red Cross trade mark). He is planning to distribute millions of packages of this starch to the housewives of America, at a merely nominal price to the consumer, in order to make its merits known without delay. Thus, for but 5 cents two large 10c packages of Red Cross Starch may be had, together with two magnificent Shakespearean views printed in 12 beautiful colors, or a Twentieth Century Girl Calendar; or for only 20 cents 10 packages of the starch and the entire series of eight Shakespearean views and one Twentieth Century Girl Calendar—views alone easily worth \$1.00. Watch this paper for future premium announcements, of which every lady will certainly want to take advantage.

While Mr. Hubinger will devote his best energies to the manufacture of this new and wonderful starch, he will not retire from the various financial enterprises in which he is interested—street railways, electric lighting plants and the Mississippi Valley Telephone Co., with 10,000 telephone subscribers in Minneapolis and St. Paul—nor will his augmented activity interfere with his social obligations and exercise of the splendid hospitality which he dispenses at his palatial Keokuk home. Mr. Hubinger's family, consisting of himself, wife and four children, is the pivot around which his activity revolves, and while fond of promoting great enterprises, he is still fonder of his home circle, where he spends every fragment of time not taken up by business or public cares.

Dynamite Guns for Philippines. Dynamite guns are to be employed by the army in the coming campaign in the Philippines. While the use of these guns is yet regarded as in its experimental stage sufficient progress in their development has been made to warrant the army officials in including them as a part of the equipment in the field. Recently Lieutenant M. C. Buckley, Third artillery, was ordered to New York to aid in loading twelve two and one-half inch Simms-Dudley dynamite guns, accessories and ammunition, on board a merchant ship, which is to transport them to Manila by the Suez canal. From New York Lieutenant Buckley will proceed to the Woolwich arsenal, England; Paris, France and Amsterdam, for the purpose of examining the organization and material of mountain guns and hotwitzer batteries used in India and Africa and other countries where service is similar to that in the Philippines. After performing this duty Lieutenant Buckley will proceed to Manila for duty.

Marietta to the Marietta. Governor Bushnell of Ohio recently conveyed a silver service to Boston and presented it to the gunboat Marietta in honor of her second birthday. It was the gift of the Ohio town whose name the gunboat bears.

"Go on!" says the New York subcommittee to Captain Evans. "What do you know about running a naval show, anyway?"

Danger lurks in the gin rickety. A scientific mixer of summer drinks in a glittering New York cafe says the acid of the lime cuts sharply into the flesh, and disintegrates the tissues as surely, if not as fast, as vitrol. This bartender says that no one should drink more than two gin rickies in any one day, if he desires to keep his stomach in an ordinary state of preservation.

WOMEN HARNESSSED. COMMUNITY REGARD THEM AS BEASTS OF BURDEN.

Are Traded for Cattle—Wooden Yokes Used, to Which Half a Dozen Women Are Harnesssed, Over Whom Whip Is Cracked.

Hitching women in plows and using them as beasts in the fields is a new wrinkle in the napkin of civilization. In civilized America the custom is already established in all its "lateral details"—women are being formed into teams and harnesssed to heavy plows, which a burly son of ease in the shape of a man tranquilly drives through his fields as most of us have seen horses and mules driven on American farms. The place in America where women are used as draught animals is next door to the United States—up in the northwest territories, in and around Manitoba. The women are of the European peasant, imported into Canada by the Canadian immigration bureau for the purpose of furnishing labor for the Manitoba farming districts.

Wooden yokes are used, and to these yokes a span of women are harnesssed. There may be six or eight women to one plow. And the women never think of complaining. They see nothing wrong in their degradation. They have known no other life, and it has not yet occurred to them to demand any other. They are back a few centuries in the progress of civilization. Western Russia has been to dark and too slow for them to see or learn of the rapid strides their sisters have taken elsewhere in the world. To obey their big, heavy-fisted, dabbled lords has been the only thing they knew in all the centuries.

Just what the dominion government thinks of them remains a mystery as yet. It is morally certain that sooner or later some official action will be demanded by the daughters of civilization in neighboring communities regarding the prostitution of their Russian sisters to slavery and drudgery in the harvest fields.

The government cannot ignore this demand when it comes. It will be interesting to watch the official hand of civilization fall upon the simple-minded Europeans and strive to break them of their racial characteristics, the growth of thousands of years.

OVEREXERCISE.

Interference with digestion is a by no means uncommon effect of excessive exercise, and so far as training is concerned it is one of the most destructive. The blood cannot flow in full stream to every part at once. As Dr. Brunton says: "Every one knows that while moderate exercise tends to produce appetite, a long and exhaustive exertion tends to destroy the appetite, and even to produce actual sickness, as one finds in mountain-climbing."

People differ greatly in this respect, but in some—great, ponderous men, as they may seem—the digestion is so easily upset by muscular exercise that, although they may be giants for a momentary exertion, anything like sustained effort disturbs digestion and cuts at the very root of their nutrition.

Interference with digestion so lowers nutrition, while accumulation of waste products so poisons the system that in either case further exertion becomes impossible—the very will to make it passes away. But it is different in regard to the heart. The heart, although strained, may yet be driven on to its own destruction. Every muscular effort not only demands from the heart an increased flow of blood, but also drives an increased quantity toward it. So long as the heart can pass this forward all is well, but when it fails not merely is the circulation of the blood rendered imperfect, but serious damage is done to the heart itself. If when the heart was overdriven it merely struck, the enfeebled circulation would soon put a stop to further effort.

The willing heart, however, taking at each beat a wider sweep, and driving into the vessels a larger quantity of blood, so meets the call that the athlete can struggle on, perhaps to win his race. But the strained heart suffers, the stretched muscle does not quite come back, the dilated cavity does not quite close at each contraction, and permanent mischief is set up. Thus it is, that exertion, driven to the limit imposed by the heart, is overexercise in the most serious sense of the word. If it is the heart that stops it, the chances are that it has already gone too far.

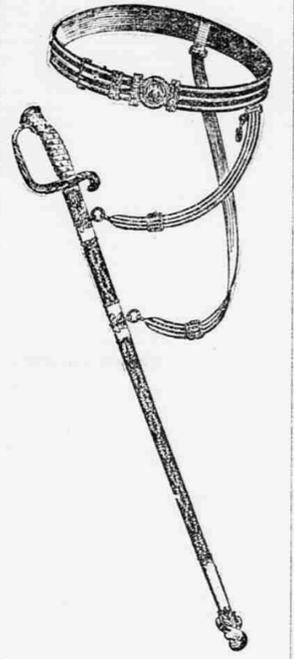
The Wind Made Snowfalls. Last March there was a remarkable exhibition at Grafton, N. H., of the comparatively rare phenomenon of "snow rollers." Freshly fallen snow was rolled by the wind into innumerable cylinders, some of them as large as a barrel, which dotted the hills and fields. Similar rollers have been in recent years in Connecticut, in Kansas and in the state of Washington. The size varies with the strength of the wind.

To Make Lace Look Nice. To restore lace that has become yellow, and yet should not be as white as it must surely become by washing, make suds in a glass jar, drop the lace in and stand far in the sun.

Canada Can'ten Laws. Not one drop of intoxicating liquor is allowed to be sold at any of the military camps of Canada.

NATION'S GREETING TO DEWEY. Features of the Reception to the Man in Here at Washington.

The central idea underlying the grand welcome to be given Admiral Dewey in Washington the first week in October is its national character. His arrival at the capital will mark his real home-coming to the American people, where the officials of the government will participate, and the magnificently jeweled sword voted by congress will be presented. To that end all the arrangements will be of a simple but most dignified character. The welcome to the hero of Manila at the national capital will probably occur on Monday, October 2, although the date will depend upon the length of the celebration in New York, which is still un-



SWORD VOTED BY CONGRESS TO DEWEY.

settled. The principal features of the reception in Washington, as planned by the citizens, with the co-operation of the president and cabinet, will be two in number—the presentation of the sword voted by congress and a night parade. A public reception at the white house will be followed by dinner to the admiral by President McKinley. The sword will be presented by Secretary Long, at the east front of the capitol, in the presence of Mr. McKinley and all the members of the cabinet, late in the afternoon, while the parade, consisting of organizations of all kinds, will be accompanied by an illumination of the city on a scale of beauty never before witnessed in Washington.

The different features of the preparations are in the hands of a central body of citizens and eleven committees, embracing in all over a thousand people. Preparations for the celebration have been in hand for over a month. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad and other railroads entering Washington have agreed upon cheap rates for the celebration, and the committee expects that there will be an outpouring of patriotic citizens almost equal to the inauguration of a president.

Betrayed by His Parrot. Victor Chevalier, a clever criminal in Paris, was run down in a shrewd way. He was known to be exceedingly fond of a pet parrot, and the police were instructed to look for a loquacious bird of this kind. After a week's search the talkative parrot was discovered in the Montmartre district. The police kept a close watch on the house, and in time the criminal appeared to have an affectionate chat with his bird.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Every woman is a good actress till she goes on the stage. There is one thing a woman never can understand, and that is herself. When the devil had his choice as to instruments he first picked jealousy. If they were named anything else a woman would have just as queer a look in her face when she talked about her legs.

If there weren't any bad men to be horrible examples, probably there wouldn't be any good women to be shining examples. Every racy story a man hears he acts like it was old to him and every woman like it was new to her, and both are making believe.

When a man can make a woman believe that he can't help thrilling at her voice she feels she has to marry him so that she can turn the current on whenever she feels like it. The difference between a woman and a cat is that when you tease the cat you know she'll scratch you, but when it's a woman you never know whether she'll kiss you or tear your eyes out.—New York Press.

PROVERBS BY WILLIAM BLAKE.

Expect poison from the standing water. Without contraries is not progression. To create a little flower is the labor of ages. What is now proved was once only imagined. He who desires but acts not breeds pentecost. Listen to the fool's reproach. It is a leggy title.

It was in a Philadelphia Sunday school, not long ago, that a teacher asked the question: "What is a lie?" Of course there was a small boy who thought he knew; and this was his definition: "A lie is an abomination unto the Lord and an ever present help in time of trouble."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Over 1,000 houses in London are tenantless because they are supposed to be haunted. Seventy-one of them have been the scenes of murder, and from some of the remainder occupants have mysteriously disappeared.

A CAPABLE mother must be a healthy mother. The experience of maternity should not be approached without careful physical preparation.

Correct and practical counsel is what the expectant and would-be mother needs and this counsel she can secure without cost by writing to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. Mrs. CORA GILSON, Yates, Manistee Co., Mich., writes:

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Mrs. Jules Reynal, of New York, summering at Bar Harbor, paid \$5 a piece for partridges and thought it was enough, but Game Warden New had other ideas, when he explained that partridges were out of season and that even a purchaser of them was liable to criminal action. Mrs. Reynal settled for \$150 and costs.

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